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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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10 November 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary for month of October 1945, Submission of.

Reference: (a) Cominch and CNO rest. ltr. serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.
(b) PacFlt conf. ltr. 1CL-45.

Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, October 1945.

ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships Pacific.
Blimp Squadron 33, NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieut. F. A. FREY, 145912, USNR.

(b) Operational:

Commander Western Sea Frontier (Task Force 06).
Commander Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier (Task Grpup 06.3).
Commander Aircraft Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier (Task Unit 06.3.1).
Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Commander Blimp Squadron Thirty Three, NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
Five (5) ZNP: K-27, K-79, K-87, K-97, K-115.

Blimp Squadron 33 was assigned to routine operational Control of COMNORWESTSEC WESSEAFRON as an aircraft utility unit until 5 October when operational control was transferred from the Sector Commander to COM Thirteen.

Blimp Squadron 33 continued to perform Air Sea Rescue flights and utility missions in connection with the training program of Naval Training School (Electronics) at Puget Sound Navy Yard and radar calibration of surface vessels at PSNY until 19 October when operations were discontinued at the direction of Commander Fleet Airships Pacific.

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Blimp Squadron 33 was under administrative control and operational command of Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three, who is also Commander Fleet Airships Pacific, the type Commander for Airships in the Pacific Fleet.

Operations were conducted from NAS Tillamook in UNCLE time zone.

During the first twenty three (23) days of the month the average daily availability was 3.7 airships. A total of fifteen (15) missions for a total of 147 hours were flown. 41% of the missions rendered utility service for fleet units in this sector.

There were three (3) non-operational days during the operating period of the month due to weather.

The last page of enclosure (A) presents a detailed analysis of all flights during the month.

During the period that this squadron was in commission, four thousand five hundred and ten (4510) flights for a total of thirty nine thousand three hundred and forty four (39,344) hours and one million six hundred eleven thousand six hundred and sixty five (1, 611,665) miles were flown.

5 October

Operational Control of ZP33 was transferred from COMNORWESTSEC,WESSEAFRON to COM Thirteen in accordance with COMWSF dispatch 052330.

8, 9, 10 October

K-79 flown from NAS Tillamook to NAS Santa Ana via NAAF Eureka and NAS Moffett Field for deflation and long time storage.

20 October

Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three assigned K-27, K-87 and K-115 to Fleet Airship Wing Three Pool.

22 October

K-27 and K-115 flown to NAS Moffett Field and turned over to Commander Blimp Hedron Three.

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23, 24 October

K-87 and K-97 flown to NAS Santa Ana via NAS Moffett Field and turned over to Commander Blimp Hedron Three.

24 October

Comdr. F. N. KLEIN, Jr., 74524, USNR was detached and Lt. Comdr. V. A. JENNINGS, 74687, USNR assumed duties as acting Commander of Blimp Squadron 33.

7 November 1945

Lt. Comdr. V. A. JENNINGS, 74687, USNR was detached and Lieut. F. A. FREY, 145912, USNR assumed duties as action Commander of Blimp Squadron 33.

10 November 1945

Blimp Squadron 33 was decommissioned. All personnel had been transferred and records were disposed of in accordance with current directives.

F. A. Frey

F. A. FREY
(Acting)

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1945 (MONTH)

DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: COMMANDER NORTH WEST SECTOR WESTERN SEA FRONTIER UNTIL 5 OCTOBER. SUBSEQUENT TO 5 OCTOBER UNDER COM THIRTEEN AS A UNIT OF LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES.
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: TEMPORARY UTILITY
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 5 ZNPK
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

1	2	3	4	4A	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	NO. OF	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
1	K27	LIEUT. PRIEST (8)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0614	12.1	12.1	10	340	50	605	4-15, UNL, 3-20		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
1	K79	LIEUT. GIBSON (11)	MISCEL.	1	0853	4.3	4.3	5	180	45	194	5, UNL, 10		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES
1	K79	LT(JG) BINGHAM (10)	TRAINING	1	1322	4.1	4.1	7	180	45	185	7, UNL, 3-5		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
1	K87	LT(JG) PERKINS (8)	ASR	1	0828	9.5	9.5	5	010	42	399	0-10, UNL, 10-20		ASR FLIGHT BAKER, POINT BROWN TO YAQUINA HEAD, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
1	K97	LT(JG) BABB (8)	RADAR CALIB.	1	0620	12.2	12.2	12	030	45	550	8-20, UNL, 12-20		RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS CHAMPLIN (DD 601).
3	K87	LT(JG) GABBE (9)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	1010	6.1	6.1	13	270	40	244	7-20, 500-2000, 2-UNL		CONDUCTED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
3	K97	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	ASR	1	0943	7.5	7.5	7	270	52	390	4-10, 1000-UNL, 4-30		ASR FLIGHT IN AREA BAKER.
4	K27	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0629	10.8	10.8	10	000	45	486	8-12, 1000-UNL, 10-15		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
4	K79	LT(JG) CUNNINGHAM (11)	TRAINING	1	0841	4.5	4.5	8	345	40	180	8, UNL, 10		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
4	K87	LT(JG) STEBER (10)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0622	11.3	11.3	13	010	45	509	10-16, 500-UNL, 3-12		CONDUCTED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
4	K97	LIEUT. WILSON (9)	ASR	1	0826	9.4	9.4	19	340	48	451	10-32, 1000-UNL, 30		ASR FLIGHT IN AREA BAKER.
5	K27	LT(JG) JACKSON (12)	TRAINING	1	0856	4.3	4.3	10	345	45	194	10, UNL, UNL		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
5	K79	LIEUT. PRIEST (9)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0825	9.0	9.0	12	000	50	450	4-20, UNL, 5-20		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
5	K87	LT(JG) BABB (9)	ASR	1	0829	9.0	9.0	28	340	45	404	22-35, 0-UNL, 0-UNL		ASR FLIGHT IN AREA BAKER.
5	K97	LT(JG) PERKINS (8)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0823	8.8	8.8	9	000	50	440	8-10, UNL, 5-10		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
8	K79	LT.COMDR. HOSMER (7)	MISCEL.	1	0812	7.0	7.0	18	225	42	294	13-16, 0-5000, 0-5		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAAF BURBANK.
8	K87	LIEUT. WILSON (7)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0605	11.3	11.3	17	340	50	565	10-24, UNL, UNL		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
8	K97	LT(JG) STEBER (8)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0645	10.5	10.5	13	045	50	525	10-16, 100-UNL, 1-10		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
8	K115	LT(JG) BINGHAM (7)	MISCEL.	1	1314	1.2	1.2	5	350	45	54	5, UNL, 10		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
9	K79	LT.COMDR. HOSMER (11)	MISCEL.	1	0911	5.6	5.6	5	340	55	308	5, 500, 3-5		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAF BURBANK TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD.
9	K115	LT.COMDR. JENNINGS (8)	TRAINING	1	1342	2.1	2.1	CALM	CALM	40	84	CALM, 500, 3-15		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
10	K79	LT.COMDR. HOSMER (6)	MISCEL.	1	1011	6.5	6.5	16	225	50	325	10-25, 0-UNL, 0-UNL		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD TO NAS SANTA ANA.
12	K27	LT(JG) CUNNINGHAM (12)	MISCEL.	1	1012	4.0	4.0	3	180	40	160	3, UNL, 10		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
12	K115	LIEUT. LEVIN (11)	TRAINING	1	1009	4.2	4.2	3	180	40	168	3, UNL, 10		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
15	K115	LT(JG) MC COLLISTER (7)	TRAINING	1	1022	4.2	4.2	CALM	CALM	40	168	CALM, 500-1000, 0-5		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
17	K27	LT(JG) GRIEP (8)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0711	10.4	10.4	12	240	40	416	10-15, 0-UNL, 0-UNL		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
17	K97	LT(JG) BINGHAM (12)	MISCEL.	1	1127	4.3	4.3	10	345	55	237	10, UNL, UNL		TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
17	K115	LT.COMDR. JENNINGS (5)	TRAINING	1	1332	2.8	2.8	15	345	40	112	15, UNL, UNL		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
18	K27	LT(JG) MULLINEAUX (6)	RAD.TAR.SER.	1	0621	9.5	9.5	5	245	50	475	3-8, 800-1000, 10-15		PERFORMED RADAR TARGET SERVICE FOR NTS (ELECTRONICS) PSNY.
18	K115	LT(JG) ZIMEL (10)	TRAINING	1	0915	7.0	7.0	5	245	40	280	5, 2000, 10		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
19	K115	LIEUT. FREY (10)	TRAINING	1	1353	1.0	1.0	3	180	45	45	2-5, 500-2000, 2-10		CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
22	K27	LT(JG) TYLER (6)	MISCEL.	1	0613	7.8	7.8	12	345	55	429	2-25, 3000-UNL, 10-30		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD.
22	K115	LT(JG) ZIMEL (6)	MISCEL.	1	0617	8.3	8.3	12	345	54	448	2-25, 3000-UNL, 10-30		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD.
23	K87	LT(JG) GRIEP (7)	MISCEL.	1	0608	9.5	9.5	16	350	62	559	14-18, 1000-UNL, 12-30		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD.
23	K97	LT(JG) PERKINS (8)	MISCEL.	1	0615	8.8	8.8	15	345	65	572	12-18, 800-UNL, 10-30		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD.

NOTE: COLUMN 10 - AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS. COLUMN 11 - TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.
COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

V.A. Jennings
V.A. JENNINGS, Lt. Comdr., USNR
Commanding

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1945
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: COMMANDER NORTH WEST SECTOR WESTERN SEA FRONTIER UNTIL 5 OCTOBER. SUBSEQUENT TO 5 OCTOBER UNDER COM THIRTEEN AS A UNIT OF LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES.
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: TEMPORARY UTILITY
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 5 ZNPK
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

1	2	3	4	4A	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	NO. OF	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISS-ION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
24	K87	LT(JG) GRIEP (6)	MISCEL.	1	0715	6.6	6.6	10	345	50	330	10, UNL, UNL		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD TO NAS SANTA ANA.
24	K97	LT(JG) PERKINS (6)	MISCEL.	1	0721	6.3	6.3	12	345	52	328	12, UNL, UNL		FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD TO NAS SANTA ANA.
24		OPERATIONS CEASED THIS DATE												

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SUMMARY OF MISSIONS

MISSION	NUMBER MISSIONS	FLIGHT HOURS
ESCORT		
PATROL		
SEARCH		
TRAINING	9	34.2
UTILITY	11	112.0
AIR SEA RESCUE	4	35.4
MISCELLANEOUS	13	80.2
TOTAL	37	261.8

MISCELLANEOUS MISSIONS

BREAKDOWN	NO. MISSIONS DAY	NO. MISSIONS NITE	FLIGHT HOURS
FERRY	9		66.4
TEST	4		13.8
PASSENGER			
TOTAL	13		80.2

ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

CONTACT BOMBS	
DEPTH BOMBS	
PRACTICE BOMBS	
.50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN	
SLICKS	
FLOAT LIGHTS	
PYROTECHNICS	
DEPTH CHARGE MARKERS	
	NONE

UTILITY MISSIONS

BREAKDOWN	NO. MISSIONS DAY	NO. MISSIONS NITE	FLIGHT HOURS
TARGET SERVICE (M/V)			
OBSERVATION			
TORPEDO-RECOVERY			
RADAR CALIBRATION	1		12.2
RADIO CALIBRATION			
PHOTO-TORPEDO			
PHOTO-BOMBING			
PHOTO-GUNFIRE			
PHOTO-MISCELLANEOUS			
RADAR TARGET SERVICE	10		99.8
TOTAL	11		112.0

OPERATIONS SUMMARY I

MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
ESCORT				
ESCORT-PAT.				
PATROL				
PATROL-UTILITY				
SEARCH				
SEARCH-PAT.				
TRAINING	9		34.2	1416
TRAINING-PAT.				
UTILITY	11		112.0	5265
AIR-SEA RESCUE	4		35.4	1644
MISC.	13		80.2	4238
TOTAL 37	37		261.8	12563

OPERATIONS SUMMARY II

AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	AVAILABLE	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
K- 27	7		18	58.9	2765
K- 79	7		5	41.0	1936
K- 87	7		24	63.3	3010
K- 97	8		24	67.8	3493
K- 115	8		17	30.8	1359
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TOTAL	37		88	261.8	12563

PILOT FLIGHT DATA

PILOT CLASS	NUMBER FLIGHTS	AVE. PILOTS AS'GN'D.	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGHEST HOURS	LOWEST HOURS
COMMAND	43	18.9	313.7	16.6	54.2	4.2
SENIOR	36	10.7	279.1	26.1	37.6	4.2
JUNIOR	5	3.0	38.3	12.7	15.1	9.5
TOTAL	84	32.6	631.1	19.3		

STATISTICAL DATA

1	AVERAGE NO. OF AIRSHIPS ASSIGNED	(A) 4.2 (B) .66
2	AVERAGE NO. OF AIRSHIPS AVAILABLE	3.66
3	PERCENTAGE OF AVAILABILITY	87%
4	AVERAGE HOURS PER FLIGHT	7.07
5	AVE. NO. HRS. PER AIRSHIP ASSIGNED	62.3
6	AVE. NO. HRS. PER AIRSHIP AVAILABLE	71.2
7	NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED	0

NOTES:

1. UNDER ITEM NO. 1 OF "STATISTICAL DATA"; (A) IS AVERAGE OF TOTAL AIRSHIPS ASSIGNED PLUS WING POOL AIRSHIPS OPERATING WITH THE SQUADRON, (B) IS AVERAGE OF WING-POOL AIRSHIPS INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL.
2. ITEM NO. 3 OF "STATISTICAL DATA" IS COMPUTED BY DIVIDING ITEM NO. 1(A) BY ITEM NO. 2.
3. "AVAILABLE" COLUMN IN "OPERATIONS SUMMARY II" REPRESENTS NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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